Reconstitution of Governing Council of NIOH

1453. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reconstituted governing council of the National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped (NIOH);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government would carefully reconstitute the body so as to ensure that the work of the NIOH does not hamper;

(d) the steps proposed to strengthen NIOH; and

(e) the steps proposed to increase activities of institutions doing work for physically disabled people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As laid down in the Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws of National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped three official, and six non-official members have been nominated in the General Council. The President of General Council is Secretary of this Ministry.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) To increase rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities Governing Council of National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped in its meeting held on 15th February, 2006 has approved following additional professional courses for 2006-07:

(i) Diploma in Rehabilitation Therapy (2 years & 6 months).

(ii) Post Graduate Training in Physiotherapy (2 Years).

Post Graduate Training in Occupational Therapy (2 Years).

(iii) Diploma in PMR (2 Years).

(iv) Diploma in Rehabilitation Nursing (1 Years).

Funds for social sector schemes

1454. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are actively considering a new system of allocating funds for key social sector programmes; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?